



TOWN OF HUDSON

Municipal Utility Committee

David Shaw, Chairman

Pat Nichols, Selectmen Liaison



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Hudson Municipal Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: May 17, 2016

Attendees:

David Shaw, Chairman

Bill Abbott, Vice-Chairman

Jeff Rider

Bernie Manor

Moe Lussier

Pat Nichols, Selectman's Liaison

Donna Staffier-Sommers, Sewer Utility Administrative Aide

Absent:

Elvis Dhima, Town Engineer

Valerie Marquez, Water Utility

The monthly meeting of the Town of Hudson Municipal Utility Committee was held Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 7:00 pm, in the Town of Hudson Board of Selectmen meeting room at Town Hall. Secretarial duties were provided by Donna Staffier-Sommers. The Committee welcomed new member Moe Lussier.

The first order of business was Committee elections. After some discussion, David Shaw was nominated as Chairman and Bill Abbott as Vice Chairman. Both nominations were unanimously approved. Former Acting Chairman, Bernie Manor, offered to continue this meeting with chair duties and David Shaw accepted.

1. Acceptance of minutes

The minutes of the April 20, 2016 Municipal Utility Committee meeting were read and approved. A motion was made by Bill Abbott to “accept the meeting minutes for meeting dated April 20, 2016, as corrected.” David Shaw seconded. The motion carried.

Bill Abbott requested discussion. Bill had questions about why only two wells were tested for PFOA contaminants and why not all three of our wells. Steve Malizia, Town Administrator had

previously stated that two of the wells were side by side so testing one was sufficient. *Spoke to Elvis - the Ducharme well is currently shut down and the two wells (Dame & Ducharme) are less than 1000' apart. Pennichuck Water Works is responsible for the operation and water quality of the wells and makes the determination if additional testing is needed. The readings for PFOA are in and the Weinstein well tested at 9 parts per trillion and the Dame well at 7 parts per trillion. The newest EPA safe advisory standard, as of May 20, 2016, is 70 parts per trillion. Based on these results and the high cost of testing, it was deemed to be unnecessary to perform additional testing at this time. -dlss*

2. Financial Status – Water Utility

A – C. The Cash Flow report for March 2016 and the Expenditure and Revenue reports for April 2016 were reviewed.

Bernie had a couple of questions on some over expenditures and Jeff was able to respond to using the line descriptions from the budget. The revenue shown in line 4793 - other income is \$30,000 more than budgeted. *Spoke to Lisa Labrie, Town Accountant- The excess \$30,000 revenue is made up of a \$15,000 entry misapplied applied here and \$15,075.70 in well repair reimbursements from Pennichuck to be determined if this is the correct line placement of these funds received.-dlss*

D. The Pennichuck Water Systems Operation Report for March 2016 was reviewed with no comments.

E. Bill Abbott prepared the current profit and loss graphs for both Water & Sewer.

3. Old Business- Water Utility -None

4. New Business – Water Utility

A. Abatements

1. W-UTL-16-01- Peterson 10 Monroe Dr. m/l 167-083-000 #3500697411

The Water Utility received a bad water reading from Pennichuck Water Works that was not corrected prior to billing resulting in a very high water bill sent to the customer. Customer was notified prior to receiving the bill. Request abatement of \$6979.50 (2115 x 3.30).

Motion by Jeff Rider; seconded by David Shaw "to recommend the Board of Selectmen approve abatement request W-UTL-16-01 in the amount of \$6979.50 for the reason given." The motion carried.

5. Financial Status – Sewer Utility

- A. The cash flow report for March 2016 and the Expenditure and Revenue reports for April 2016 were reviewed with minimal discussion.

- B. The balance of capacity remains at 25,893 gpd.
There was some discussion about this report. Donna explained that the original intent was to provide an estimate of the amount of sewer flow available for new connections and for the requests or modifications to new or existing businesses. The report was created during the 1999 sewer moratorium when existing sewer use was reviewed, an estimated remaining sewer flow available was determined and a sewer district was created. Since then, along with other variables, flow amounts set aside for potential development has changed, so the report doesn't reflect a true number. The report and balance of capacity is to be re evaluated.

6. Old Business – Sewer Utility -None

7. New Business – Sewer Utility

A. Abatements

1. S-UTL-16-21 Traywick 80 Ferry St. m/l 174-182 Acct. #2580

A water pipe burst behind the washing machine while the owner was away causing excess water to flow into the crawl space and not into the sewer. Abatement request \$234.53 (197 x 1.1905)

Motion made by David Shaw; seconded by Jeff Rider "to recommend the Board of Selectmen approve abatement request S-UTL-16-21 in the amount of \$234.53 for the reason given." The motion carried.

2. S-UTL-16-22 McCarthy 18 Sycamore St. m/l 203-078 Acct. #1236

A lawn irrigation pipe broke causing excess water to go into the lawn while they were away and not down into the sewer. Request abatement of \$455.96 (383 x 1.1905).

Motion made by Bill Abbott; seconded by Moe Lussier " to recommend the Board of Selectmen approve abatement S-UTL-16-22 in the amount of \$455.96 for the reason given." The motion carried.

8. Informational

Valerie provided the Committee with a section of the Water Utility Policy section D referencing Non-liability in regards to damages caused by dirty water as the result of operation and maintenance of the water system. There were some homes affected when the Town of Litchfield flushed water lines and Hudson had some pipes closed off for well maintenance. Bill Abbott noticed a word correction needed in Section D page 12 paragraph 3. It is written as "or any other **course** due to operation of the water system; should be "or any other **cause**..." Correction to be made.

9. Remarks by Selectman, members and staff

- Bill Abbott brought in a Consumer Confidence Report received in his water bill. He found it very interesting and thought the Committee might also be interested. Copies were made for all Committee members. Jeff Rider asked if it can be found on the Town web site. *-yes, the 2016 report is on the home page of the Town web site. -dlss*
- The Committee is interested in setting up field trips to view some of our water and sewer infrastructure along with the Nashua Wastewater Treatment Plant. It was decided that Donna is to contact the City of Nashua to set up a tour of the NWWTP. *- Since this meeting, I spoke with our Town Engineer who suggested that we may want to hold off a bit on that visit since the City has a lot going on at this time regarding the treatment plant. In lieu of this, he said that he would be happy to take any interested members on a tour of the water tanks. -dlss*

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM and the next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2016 at 7pm.

Donna Staffier-Sommers
Sewer Utility Administrative Aide

